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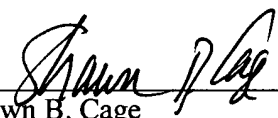
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Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Applicant's attorneys be advised of the current status of the above-identified application. The last communication Applicant's attorneys had with the Patent Office was receipt of the dated July 14, 2004.

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